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New Hampshire Fire Service:

Well it seems like yesterday we were celebrating the beginning of a new Century...today we are in the middle of the Century's first summer! It seems like time just flies by! Fire Training in the State has been very busy throughout the year, and we hope to not only keep it up, but we wish to build the momentum.

1. We have recently seen the graduation of more than 200 fire fighting students throughout the State, not only at the Academy but also in Coos, Carroll, Grafton, and Rockingham Counties. Congratulations to all who have advanced in their certification stature.
2. In our attempt to have as many training props that can be field deliverable as possible, we have just accepted the funds for a liquefied petroleum gas training trailer that should be complete within one year and ready to use for certification training. Special thanks to Brian Boudreau of Eastern Propane in Rochester who lead the way for the \$23,000 grant from the Propane Council! Kudos to Brian!
 - ▶ If you are aware of a 25-foot (plus or minus) gooseneck type trailer that we could secure for this project, please contact me at 1-800-371-4503; this seems to be the most expensive item in this grant. If we can secure this trailer in a cost-effective manner, we can add additional training items.
3. The Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting training facility grant and work is still right on schedule, which includes a multi-million dollar grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). We expect to have the facility completed by September 2001. We are working very closely with the Director of Aeronautics for the State, Jack Ferns.
4. I wish to remind all fire departments that the Fire Academy is available for every New Hampshire fire department twice a year, while we can still afford to do so. This can be time at the Academy or it can include our mobile props brought to you. Contact Frank Fraitzl at 1-800-371-4503 for more information. Remember, we have a comfortable dorm if you wish to use the Fire Academy.

I guess that is enough rambling for this issue. We at the Division of Fire Standards and Training hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully,

Richard A. Mason, Director

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Primary Fire Department: _____

Rank: _____

Secondary Fire Department: _____ Rank: _____

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Levels of Certification:

FF I () FF Career () FF 2 () FF 3 () D/O () 1st Resp. () EMT () B () A () I ()

Other: _____

EMS: _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Weds. of each month (except July-August)

NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m. NHFA

2nd Thurs. of each month

Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
preregistration required by 1st of month NHFA

Fri.-Sun. Sept. 8-10

NH State Firemen's Association - "Taking Fire Fighting
into the New Millennium" Gunstock Rec.
Area, Gilford

Mon.-Fri. Sept. 11-15

2000 Statewide Entrance Exam NHFA

Weds. October 4

NH Fire Service Committee of Merit Awards Ceremony NHFA

FIRE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMS:

Watch for future listings

FIRE OFFICER PROGRAMS:

Tues. Sept. 19 Fire Officer I & II - Orientation NHFA

Mon.-Fri. Oct. 2-6 Fire Officer I & II - Week #1 NHFA

Mon.-Fri. Oct. 16-20 Fire Officer I & II - Week #2 NHFA

Mon.-Fri. Oct. 20-Nov. 3 Fire Officer I & II - Week #3 NHFA

FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS:

Mon.&Weds. Sept. 11-Feb. 14 .. Firefighter I - Sections A & B (evenings) NHFA

Tues.&Thurs. Sept. 12-Nov. 21 .. Firefighter II (evenings) NHFA

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAMS:

Watch for future listings

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING:

Watch for future listings

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS:

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 12-13 National Volunteer Fire Council Leadership/Management Course . NHFA

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 16-17 NFA Managing in a Changing Environment NHFA

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:

Sun.-Fri. Oct. 1-6 Fire Combat School NHFA

TERRORISM PROGRAMS:

Watch for future listings

2000 STATEWIDE ENTRANCE EXAM

September 11-15, 2000

TEST 2000

The New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training is accepting applications from individuals interested in taking the New Hampshire Statewide Entrance Examination for Firefighters. This exam process complies with the New Hampshire requirements for Entry-Level Career Firefighter testing. This test will establish a statewide listing of eligible candidates who communities may consider for Entry-Level Firefighter positions when available. The following departments (subject to change) have participated in the past:

Allenstown	Barnstead	Bedford	Belmont	Berlin	Claremont	Concord
Derry	Dover	Durham	East Derry	Epsom	Exeter	Franklin
Gilford	Gilmanton	Goffstown	Gorham	Hampton	Hanover	Hooksett
Hopkinton	Hudson	Keene	Laconia	Lebanon	Loudon	Merrimack
Newington	Newport	North Hampton	Pelham	Plaistow	Portsmouth	Raymond
Rindge	Rochester	Rye	Salem	Seabrook	Seabrook Station	Somersworth
Wolfeboro						

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, and a valid photo driver's license. A nonrefundable administration fee of \$45.00 must accompany each application. The testing process includes a written, general knowledge examination and a noncontinuous physical ability test delivered on one day, and a continuous physical ability test on a second day, for a total candidate commitment of two days. All testing will be completed at the New Hampshire Fire Academy located at 222 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Concord, NH. Candidates will be assigned testing dates after their application packets have been accepted. It is strongly recommended that you schedule your physical exam as soon as possible. The application packet contains all necessary forms and instructions for the testing candidate and may be obtained by written request only directed to:

New Hampshire Fire Academy
Entrance Testing
10 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

The Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training is an AA-EEO employer.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2000.

EMS & PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OFFICER

Concord Fire Department

City of Concord, NH

Job Summary: Responsible for a continuing EMS Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement program, as well as an ongoing oversight of the Department's suppression, hazardous material and general emergency training programs.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Education, Fire Science, Public Administration, Emergency Medicine or Management and four years of experience in the area of EMS and fire suppression with at least one year at a supervisory level or any combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job.

A one year register will be established.

Starting Salary: \$42,162.- \$47,445 . . . Flexible Benefit Program

Closing date for submitting resumes: Noon, August 11, 2000

Submit Resume to: Personnel Department, City of Concord, City Hall, 41 Green St., Concord NH 03301

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NVFC Offers Arson Course for Volunteers

⇒ Fees for Course are Waived ⇐

Arson Detection and Prevention in Rural Communities is a two-day seminar that has been developed by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) in conjunction with the U.S. Fire Administration, to address the challenges facing the volunteer fire service in Arson Detection and Prevention. After attending the two-day course, the attendees should be able to recognize the red flags of an incendiary fire, as well as having the ability to institute prevention programs in rural communities.

The seminar will be held at the U.S. Fire Administration/National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland the weekend of July 29-30, 2000.

The course will cover the following topics:

- ▶ As a result of the 1996 church arson fires, the National Arson Clearinghouse, under the auspices of the U.S. Fire Administration, was established. A tremendous amount of information and contacts are available through the Clearinghouse. The National Arson Prevention Initiative Coordinator, Mr. Tim O'Dowd, will speak to the group about the clearinghouse.
- ▶ An agent of the Profiling Unit with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Quantico, Virginia will outline how the serial arsonist is profiled and prosecuted. Mr. Huff has worked with the NVFC on a firefighter arson project; he is also a member of the IAAI and is a past member of the Board of Directors.
- ▶ Mr. John McDermott, a former firefighter with the Morris Town, New Jersey Fire Department and currently an investigator with the Morris Town Prosecuting Attorney's Office, will cover the other agencies who assist local fire and police as well as the red flags for the first-in firefighter in arson detection. He will list the other agencies different from fire and police departments that can be of assistance in Arson Detection and Prevention. The firefighter will re-learn his important responsibility in detecting the first signs of an incendiary fire.
- ▶ Juvenile fire setter prevention, recognition and correction are a duty of the Juvenile Fire Setter Committee of the IAAI. This committee will furnish the instructors to talk about the juvenile fire setter programs and the success rate of these programs.

The seminar fees are \$225 for NVFC members and \$250 for non-members. However, this is a special offering from the NVFC — all fees for this seminar are WAIVED. The NVFC will cover the costs of the seminar and meals for both days. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI). Participants will be responsible for travel and room accommodations. Lodging at the NETC is \$30 per night.

Download the course registration form from the NVFC website at www.nvfc.org or call 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

NVFC Offers Respiratory Protection Programs

☛ Members Receive Discount ☛

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), in conjunction with Fire Doc Services, is now offering a Respiratory Protection Program with a 10% discount to members. The 59-page three-ring binder is customized to include the name of your fire department throughout the manual.

The manual is a complete Respiratory Protection Program that meets the OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.134 mandate to “. . . establish and implement a written respiratory protection program . . .” (pg. 1271, column 2, Federal Register / Vol. 63, No. 5 / Thursday, January 8, 1998 / Rules and Regulations). The manual includes:

- Introduction to 29 CFR 1910.134
- Program and Procedures
- Program Administrator and dates of review
- Medical Questionnaire form
- PLHCP Recommendation forms
- Firefighter Training Records
- Firefighter “Demonstration of Knowledge” form

- Monthly inspection form
- OSHA Cleaning and User Seal Check procedures
- Tuberculosis (TB) overview and general guidelines
- Copy of 29 CFR 1910.134 including amendments of 23 April 1998
- All updates and revisions for first year
- And more . . .

If your Fire Department does not have the time or the manpower to formalize a written program, this manual will bring your department into immediate compliance with OSHA regulations. Simply review the manual, fill in the “Program Administrator” information and sign the “Program adoption and implementation” page.

The manual normally sells for \$257.00, including shipping and handling charges, but NVFC members receive a 10% discount when ordered directly through NVFC. For ordering information, visit www.nvfc.org or call 1-888-ASK-NVFC.

Firefighter Health and Safety Program Available

NVFC Foundation Funds Project

The Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute, through a grant from the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Foundation, has produced a firefighter health and safety program which is available on CD-ROM.

The "Firefighter Safety and Survival" disk, which is run on the Windows-based PowerPoint program, provides fire departments and emergency response units with a framework for creating their own health and safety program.

In 1998, nearly 100 firefighters were killed in the line of duty. "By adopting a health and safety program, fire departments across the country can help reduce the number of firefighter deaths and injuries," said Phil Stittleburg, NVFC Foundation President.

The disk is \$27.95 which includes shipping and handling. For order information, call the National Volunteer Fire Council at 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832) or visit www.nvfc.org.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL OFFERS LEADERSHIP/MANAGEMENT COURSE

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13, 2000

Location: New Hampshire Fire Academy, Concord, NH

This two-day seminar has been developed by the National Volunteer Fire Council and the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Volunteer Section to address the challenges facing the volunteer fire service as we move into the 21st Century.

The course will explore retention and recruitment, marketing, leadership, management and more. The program is derived from four manuals offered by the U.S. Fire Administration: Retention and Recruitment in the Volunteer Fire Service, EMS Retention and Recruitment, the Alternative Funding Guide, and the Public Information Education Resource Manual.

The course modules include:

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| - Problem Solving (1 hour) | - Marketing (3 hours) |
| - Recruiting (3 hours) | - Leadership (3 hours) |
| - Retaining/Motivating (3 hours) | - Public Relations (2 hours) |
| - Incident Command - Hazardous Materials Operations (3 hours) | - Customer Service (2 hours) |
| | - Team Building (2 hours) |

At least three instructors will be present at each seminar.

The seminar fees are \$225 for NVFC members and \$250 for non-members. However, this is a special offering from the NVFC at only \$50. This includes the cost of the seminar and meals for both days. Participants will be responsible for travel and overnight accommodations if necessary.

The New Hampshire program will be held at the New Hampshire Fire Academy. Sleeping rooms at the Academy are limited. There is a \$25 charge per night for accepted students; however, members of New Hampshire fire departments may stay for free.

Registrations must be made in advance; walk-ins will not be permitted. Final registration will be held from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12. The seminar runs from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

To obtain an order form online, visit http://www.nvfc.org/hn_leadershipcourse.html or call 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

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